GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:513
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DOMESTIC AIRPORT AT KOKRAJHAR
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has contemplated to take up appropriate initiatives and effective action plan to sanction and set up a domestic airport at Kokrajhar, Head Quarters of the constitutionally recognised Scheduled Tribal Area- `Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD)` and its Administrative machinery- `Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)` in Lower Assam in order to provide Air Service connectivity to the people of Bodoland Territory, since the concerned tragic Tribal territory has been deprived of bare minimum of an Airport;

(b) if so, the details of the actions taken so far in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) time by which an appropriate action in this regard will be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Airports Authority of India has no plan to set up a domestic airport at Kokrajhar during the 10th Five Year Plan.

(b):- Does not arise.

(c):- Kokrajhar is located on a major State road about 10 Kms from the National Highway No.31. The airports at Rupsi in Assam and Cooch Behar in West Bengal are in the vicinity of Kokrajhar. These airport are non-operational due to absence of air traffic. Given the above, airport at Kokrajhar is not contemplated at present.

(d):- Does not arise.